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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: John I. Shipp et al. Serial No.: 10/619,987 Filed: June 12, 2003 For: SURGICAL LIGATION CLIP AND METHOD FOR USE THEREOF	) Confirmation No.: 8851 ) ) Group Art Unit: 3731 ) Examiner: Tuan Van Nguyen )
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## **AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Final Office Action ("Office Action") of November 17, 2008, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, the Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.